REMARKS

Claims 1 through 7 are in the case. Claims 3 through 7 are being amended.

The present preliminary amendment is submitted in order to eliminate multiple dependencies between claims.

Should be there any multiple dependent claims remaining, such remaining multiple dependent claims are to be deemed as treated as canceled by the applicant.

Entry of the above-recited corrections prior to calculation of the fee is respectfully requested.

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MARKED-UP VERSION OF THE AMENDED CLAIMS

(Version with markings to show changes made)

3. (amended) Device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, with the following characteristics:

The relative mobility between the two parts (2, 4) of the transparietal tube is obtained by screwing (26), with the distal part (4) of the tube being provided with a non circular axial opening (18) that constitutes the said nesting organ, in order for it to be rendered immobile in the rotational direction by the practitioner using a specific tool (16), that can be introduced inside the said axial opening (18) and that comprises at least one area of complementary cross-section;

4. (amended) Device according to [claims 2 and 3] <u>claim 2</u>, with the following characteristics:

The pusher (16) comprises between its two ends a non circular section designed to traverse the axial opening (18) of complementary shape

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in the distal part (6), in order to render the latter (6) immobile in the rotational direction;

5. (amended) Device according to [any one of the preceding claims] claim 1, with the following characteristics:

the transparietal tube (2, 4) is "telescopic" and comprises at least two end parts (2, 4) making up the said distal (4) and proximal (2) parts of the tube;

6. (amended) Device according to [any one of claims 3 to 5] claim 5, with the following characteristics:

the distal (4) and proximal (2) parts of the tube are connected one to the other by screwing (26);

7. (amended) Device according to [any one of claims 1 and 2] <u>claim 1</u>, with the following characteristics:

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the relative mobility between the parts (2, 4) of the tube is obtained by the parts (2, 4) sliding axially one relative to the other, with the distal part (4) of the tube being rendered immobile by means of a "bayonet" device (10, 12), with slots (10) being provided in the distal part (4) of the tube in order to allow the latter to be gripped by a specific tool (14) provided with lugs (12).

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